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SUBJECT: CIVAIR-ITALIAN JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION OF MAY 1972

AIR CRASH AT PALERMO

REF: (A) ROME A-457 OF AUGUST 6, 1973; (B) ROME A-421 OF AUGUST
6, 1972

1. GENERAL SANTINI AND THE COURT AT CATANIA HAVE ASKED THE EMBASSY TO
SUPPLY THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF RECENTLY RETIRED FAA OR NTSB
AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATORS WHOM THE COURT MIGHT APPROACH TO
ASK THEM TO INVESTIGATE ON BEHALF OF THE COURT, THE MAY 1972 CRASH
AT PALERMO OF AN ALITALIA DC-8. GENERAL SANTINI, FORMER CIVILAVIA
DIRECTOR GENERAL, IS ONE OF THE DEFENDENTS BEING TRIED FOR
NEGLIGENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CRASH.

2. EMBASSY RECALLS THAT CATANIA COURT PREVIOUSLY APPROACHED FAA
DIRECTLY FOR ASSISTANCE AND WAS TURNED DOWN, FOR REASONS COMPLETELY
UNDERSTANDABLE TO EMBASSY. FROM EMBASSY'S VIEWPOINT, THERE WOULD
BE NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, AS DISTINCT FROM USG
AGENCY, ASSISTING COURT IN THIS CASE.

3. REFERENCED AIRGRAMS PROVIDE INFORMATION ON TWO INVESTIGATIONS
CONDUCTED TO DATE BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES, REF (B) BY CIVILAVIA
AND REF (A) BY CATANIA DEPUTY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, WHICH PRODUCED
CONFLICTING CONCLUSIONS. VOLPE

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